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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT SEATTLE

8 GASKINS E THOMAS, JR.,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 STATE OF WASHINGTON,

12 Defendant.

CASE NO. C17-617-BAT

**ORDER REGARDING
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE AND
CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

13 This case has been assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Brian A. Tsuchida on a
14 pre-consent basis. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73, and Local
15 Magistrate Judge Rule 13. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 16(m)(4), the Court sets a scheduling
16 conference for: **June 2, 2017, at 10:30 am in Courtroom 12A.** Counsel responsible for trying
17 this case and any pro se litigants must attend the conference and should be prepared to discuss
18 the matters listed in Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c)(2) and 26(f), and LCR 26(f), 39.1, and 39.2. *See* LCR
19 16(a)(1).

20 If the above date presents a conflict, the parties should contact Deputy Clerk Agalelei
21 Elkington at 206-370-8421 or agalelei_elkington@wawd.uscourts.gov by **May 10, 2017** to
22 reschedule the conference. Counsel located outside the greater metropolitan Seattle area may
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1 arrange to participate telephonically by contacting Ms. Elkington no later than **May 23, 2017**. A
2 Joint Status Report or Rule 26(f) Report need not be filed prior to the scheduling conference.

3 Consent to a magistrate judge is voluntary. If the parties consent, Magistrate Judge
4 Tsuchida will conduct all proceedings in this case, including trial and entry of final judgment,
5 with direct review by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Any party may decline consent by
6 notifying Ms. Elkington by telephone or email as noted above, or by fax to 206-370-8425 or mail
7 to U.S. District Court, 700 Stewart Street, Suite 2300, Seattle, WA 98101. If a party declines
8 consent, the identity of the parties consenting or declining consent will not be communicated to
9 any judge, and the clerk will immediately reassign the case to a district judge by random
10 selection and will strike the above-noted scheduling conference.

11 DATED this 8th day of May, 2017.

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BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA
United States Magistrate Judge